

In the drawings, Sheet 10, Figure 13B, the line reading "A,B = 0 UNIT DELAY" should read - -A,B,C = 0 UNIT DELAY- -; please see attached Figure 13B.

In the drawings, Sheet 11, Figure 14B, the description above the arrow pointing from the middle box to the left box reading "A + B + C" should read - -A + B + D- -; please see attached Figure 14B. Also in Figure 14B, the line below the left box reading "C HEARS A + B + C" should read - -C HEARS A + B + D- -; please see attached Figure 14B.

In the drawings, Sheet 11, Figure 15A, in the two square blocks between the middle rectangular block and the right rectangular block, there should be vertical lines in the shaded areas dividing the blocks in half; please see attached Figure 15A.

In the drawings, Sheet 12, Figure 16, in the square block below the arrow pointing from the top middle rectangular block to the right rectangular block, the lower-left reference reading "D" should read - -C- -; please see attached Figure 16.

In the drawings, Sheet 13, Figure 17A, in the square block just above the lowest rectangular block, the lower-left reference reading "D" should read - -C- -; please see attached Figure 17A.

In the drawings, Sheet 13, Figure 17B, below the top left rectangular block, insert - -A HEARS B + C + D- -; also in Figure 17B, below the top middle rectangular block, insert
- -B HEARS A + C + D- -; also in Figure 17B, below the top right rectangular block, insert
- -C HEARS A + B + D- -; also in Figure 17B, below the bottom middle rectangular block, insert - -D HEARS A + B + C- -; please see attached Figure 17B.

REMARKS

In the Office Action referenced above, the Examiner stated the following:

"Claims 1-45 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims of copending Application No.09/072,549. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the referenced copending application and would be covered by any patent granted on that copending application since the referenced copending application and the instant application are claiming common subject matter, as follow:

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Claim 1 of Application 09/072,549 recites:

Claim 1 of 08/877,082
a video communication system
comprising:
a) at least one analog video-
signal source;
b) at least one video display
device;
c) at least one control
wires defining a UTP
communication path, arranged for
video-signal transportation.

Claim 1 of present application
A video conferencing system
comprising:
a) at least one video signal
source;
b) at least one video display
device;
c) at least one unshielded
twisted pair of wires ...

The same rationale for double patenting applies to other claims.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant would be prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application in the other copending application. *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

Claims 1-45 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting over claims of U.S. patent No. 5,617,539.

The patent 5,617,539 claimed essentially all limitations of the present application except for the limitation of the video path being a UTP path. The UPT path is fully disclosed in the patent 5,617,539."

Although Applicants do not agree with either characterization by the Examiner, Applicants will be prepared to file a Terminal Disclaimer in application 09/072,549 to address the provisional Double Patenting rejection based on that application, should a Double Patenting rejection be maintained in that application. This would obviate the need for filing a Terminal Disclaimer in this patent application (09/072,542) with respect to the 09/072,549 application.

Further, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer in this application (09/072,542) to obviate the Double Patenting rejection based on patent 5,617,539. This Terminal Disclaimer is attached to this Response. The filing of this Terminal Disclaimer should not be seen as an agreement with the Examiner's "double patenting/obviousness"

conclusion. Rather, the Disclaimer is being filed to obtain early allowance of this application.

Moreover, Applicants assume that no prior art is deemed relevant by the Examiner (as none was cited) and that all the prior art from related patent 5,617,539 as well as the prior art in other related patents and applications (as submitted on December 7, 1999 with the IDS attached to this Office Action), has been reviewed and that this application is now allowable.

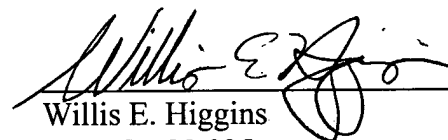
Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 843-5000.

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